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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of February 17, 2004, please amend this application as shown in the attached claim sheets, where the claims have been amended according to current PTO practice.

REMARKS

Reconsideration and further examination is respectfully requested. Claims 1-16 are currently pending herein. Claims 1, 8, 15 and 16 are independent claims. All of the claims have been rejected. Claims 1-4, 6-8, 10, 12, and 14-16 have been amended.

35 USC §102 Rejections

Claims 1, 8-10, 13, 15 and 16 were rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as anticipated by Romanov. The present invention is distinguished from Romanov because multiple addresses are represented by a single entry in an address table by generating a group address having a regular